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1. Between the fall of 1952 and March 1953, infantry, artillery, tank and air force troops were quartered in a barracks installation in Bruntal (P 50/N 99) military post. The installation was located along the northern side of the road to Roemerstadt (P 50/N 89), about 400 meters west of the intersection of the road to Stare Mesto. In the fall of 1952, an old aircraft without wings was being towed to the barracks installation which possibly housed an air technical school. Many air force personnel were observed in the town. A four-story factory building, 20 x 70 meters, was located on the southern perimeter of Bruntal, northwest of the overpass over the Bruntal-Mezina (Messendorf) (P 50/N 99) road. Aircraft spare parts and ammunition parts had allegedly been manufactured in the factory during WW II. The building was occupied by air force personnel. No civilians were employed in the factory, but only FTP or air force members. During January or February 1953,                      two trucks loaded with crates, about 2 meters long, leaving the factory. Opposite the factory, along the eastern side of the road to Mezina were five low wooden buildings which were also occupied by air force soldiers. These buildings as well as the factory area were surrounded by a barbed wire fence. A Soviet captain was repeatedly observed in Bruntal at the end of 1952 and the beginning of 1953. <sup>1</sup>
2. The airfield northwest of Poprad (Q 50/D 68) measured about 600 x 1,000 meters and was entirely covered with grass. A hangar and a small brick building were located on the eastern edge of the field. A few small low-wing monoplanes were repeatedly observed at the field. Two soldiers wearing air force uniforms were seen there in March 1953. Air force soldiers were repeatedly observed in Poprad. Their barracks installation was allegedly located on the town perimeter along the road to Batizovce (Q 50/D 58). <sup>2</sup>
3. From the fall of 1952 to March 1953, soldiers wearing air force and green uniforms were observed at Presov (R/50/E 37) airfield. Only one twin-engine aircraft was identified at the field in March 1953. The field had a grass cover and was not surrounded by a fence. Installations observed in the northwestern section of the field included a low brick building, a wooden tower, 20 to 25 meters high, and a hangar 20 x 70 meters, with a comparatively small concrete apron in front. <sup>3</sup>

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1. [REDACTED] Comment. The barracks installation in Bruntal was previously reported. 25X1  
[REDACTED] Training courses for unit commanders are possibly held there. The factory south of Bruntal had been a textile factory prior to WW II; it was utilized for another purpose during the war or after the war. The factory probably housed an air force depot during the period of observation.
2. [REDACTED] Comment. The statements on the location and installations at Poprad airfield 25X1  
confirm previous reports. [REDACTED] It is believed that an air force mechanics school and the training center for military mechanics are located at the field.
3. [REDACTED] Comment. According to previous reports, Presov airfield is probably occupied 25X1  
by transport aircraft which are assigned to the parachute brigade stationed in Presov and Kosice (R 49/E 34).

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